

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 31, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

RESTRICTION:

Claims 1-50 are pending in the application and stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121. In response thereto, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-29, identified as Group I, for prosecution in the present application, with traverse.

OBJECTIONS:

The abstract stands objected to. Applicants have submitted a replacement abstract and respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Claims 1-19 stand objected to. Applicants have corrected the symbol "C_s". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-2 and 5-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants have submitted new independent claims, thereby obviating the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have submitted new independent claims and/or amended the dependent claims to correct informalities. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1, 3-4, 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,365,690 (*Lenges*). As discussed in the interview, *Lenges* does not teach, show or suggest a catalyst precursor as recited in the new claims, such as a catalyst precursor wherein the C=N bonded groups are excluded from A₁ and A₂. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

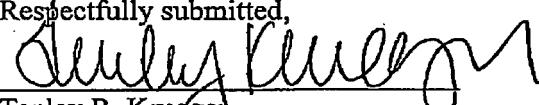
Claims 1-7, 11-13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Liu I*, Chinese Patent No. 1,306,012 (*Liu II*), Chinese Patent No. 1,352,204

(*Jin I.*) As discussed in the interview, neither *Liu I*, *Liu II* or *Jin I* teach, show or suggest a catalyst precursor as recited in the new claims, such as a catalyst precursor wherein A₂ comprises multiple aromatic groups. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the references cited in the Office Action, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest the claimed features. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

The prior art made of record is noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the Office Action. Therefore, it is believed that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not deemed necessary for a full and complete response to this Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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